

Specification for use a tile backer board providing decoupling, impact sound insulation, thermal insulation and a waterproof barrier to a tiled floor.

- Product Use:** Waterproof intermediate substrate to ceramic and stone tiling on internal flooring providing decoupling, thermal insulation and impact noise insulation.
Typically used in shared accommodation where a tiled floor would otherwise result in noise levels being heard in the rooms below out of specification with Part E / Section 5 of the building regulations (England & Wales / Scotland).
Can be used underneath under-tile heating systems.
Can be used on concrete or timber floors.
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- Description:** Extruded polystyrene coated on one sides with fibreglass mesh encased in a c.0.75mm layer of polymer modified concrete and on the other side, a 2mm thick layer of SBR rubber
- Dimensions:** Width = 600mm, Length = 1250mm, Thickness = 8mm / 12mm
- Properties:** Impact Sound Insulation on a tiled surface (ΔL_w) = 20dB.
Resistant to external environment and temperatures.
Low thermal conductivity ($\lambda = 0.034\text{W/mK}$) unaffected by moisture.
Does not expand or contract as temperature and humidity alters.
Absorbs lateral movement in the sub-floor reducing the risk of cracking at the tiled surface.
Completely impermeable to water.
- Authorities:** HBRC (*sound reduction*), BBA (*BBA certified tile backer board component*), QMS: ISO9001 (*Bureau Veritas*).
- CE Marking:** No corresponding European Standard.
- General Advice** Typical Specification – suitable in dry and wet environments
Marmox SoundBoard is fixed using tile adhesive to the timber/concrete floor with the rubber side facing down with tiling on its upper surface.
Alternative Specification – suitable in dry environments only
Marmox SoundBoard is fixed using Marmox Multibond to the timber/concrete floor with the rubber side facing down with tiling on its upper surface.

General method - Fixing with Tile Adhesive

- The floor should be level, secure, clean and primed.
- Marmox SoundBoard is fixed (*rubber side down*) to the floor on a continuous bed of flexible cement-based tile adhesive applied with a 6/8mm trowel.
- Boards are configured in a brick-bond pattern when possible.
- A 5mm gap is left between the boards and the wall which is filled with Marmox Multibond.
- For areas requiring waterproofing, board joints are covered with Marmox self-adhesive Waterproof Tape prior to tiling. With adhesive.
- For areas not requiring waterproofing, crim tape (*Marmox reinforcing tape*) is be placed over all board joints prior to tiling with adhesive.

Alternative (dry areas only) - Fixing with Marmox Multibond

- The floor should be level, secure, clean and primed.
- A bead of Marmox Multibond is applied to the rubber side of the SoundBoard around the board's perimeter and zig-zagged through the middle. One tube should be used for every two boards.
- Marmox SoundBoard is fixed (*rubber side down*) to the concrete floor and not disturbed for 24 hours.
- Boards are configured in a brick-bond pattern when possible.
- A 5mm gap is left between the boards and the wall which is filled with Marmox Multibond.
- Scrim tape (*reinforcing tape*) should be placed over all board joints prior to tiling with adhesive.

Additional Applications

Using as a Perimeter Flanking Board

Marmox SoundBoard can be cut into strips and used as Flanking Boards at the base of the walls at tile level. This provides a rigid physical barrier which the tiles can be butted up to which is acoustically isolated from the masonry of the wall.

- The SoundBoard is cut into appropriate width strips.
- It is fixed to the base of the wall (*with the rubber side facing inwards.*) so that the base of the tiles / timber flooring / grout can butt up to it without it showing.
- It is adhered to the wall with Multibond. *However, Multibond is not an instant grab adhesive so if the wall is uneven or difficult to adhere to, a non-solvent based grab adhesive may be substituted.*
- Ensure there is still a c.5mm expansion gap between the edge of the boards on the floor and the flanking strips which is filled with Multibond.

With electric Under-tile Heating: -

- Ensure boards are secured to sub-floor as above.
- Ensure all board joints are taped.
- Fix the underfloor heating elements directly onto the concrete surface of the Multiboard using the appropriate fixings.
- Cover with a layer of self-levelling compound to just cover the wires.

Limitations:

- 1) Marmox SoundBoard is designed for **FLOORS ONLY**, it reduces impact sound so would be ineffective on walls.
- 2) Not suitable for mechanical fixing (*screws will reduce acoustic properties*).
- 3) Compounds containing organic solvents (*including solvent-based tile sealers*) must not be used.
- 4) Temperatures in excess of 75°C are not appropriate.
- 5) The board can compress if point load pressure is applied therefore tiles no smaller than 5cm x 5cm should not be used on the floor.
- 6) Should not be installed upon fresh concrete / screed as the waterproof nature of the board will limit evaporation.
- 7) If the floor includes expansion joints, SoundBoards must not be fitted over them.